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| November 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six-month open enrollment period starts for the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program (Part D).</li> </ul>  |
| December 31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day to sign up for Medicare Part D program for benefits to start in January 2006.</li> <li>• Dual eligibles (people on Medicare who also have Medicaid that pays their prescription costs) must choose a plan or face auto-enrollment.</li> </ul> |

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| January 1                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicare Part D coverage starts for people who:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. signed up before December 31, 2005, or</li> <li>2. were automatically enrolled because they are dual eligibles (Medicaid pays their prescription costs).</li> </ol> </li> </ul>   |
| January 1 – May 15        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For people who sign up after December 31, 2005 their Medicare Part D coverage starts the first day of the month after they enroll.</li> </ul>   |
| May 1                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicare Part D coverage starts for people who had facilitated enrollment because they:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. applied for and were approved for “extra help,” and have not yet selected a Medicare Part D plan.</li> <li>2. were enrolled in other federal assistance programs, such as SSI and Medicare Savings Programs, and have not yet selected a Medicare Part D plan.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> |
| <b>May 15</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six-month open-enrollment period ends for Medicare Part D program. <b><i>Some people who do not enroll by this date may face a penalty.</i></b></li> </ul>  |
| May 16 – November 14      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment for Medicare Part D program ends except to people who:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. have become newly eligible for Medicare during this period,</li> <li>2. are switching to a Medicare Part D drug plan from another creditable plan, or</li> <li>3. have a “Special Enrollment Period” due to a move or other factor.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>  |
| June 1                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicare Part D drug coverage starts for people who signed up by May 15, 2006.</li> </ul>   |
| November 15 – December 31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six-week annual enrollment period starts for current Medicare beneficiaries.</li> <li>• Sign up starts for people who did not enroll by May 15, 2006</li> <li>• Opportunity to change Medicare Part D plan for 2007.</li> </ul>   |

## 2007

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| January 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicare Part D drug coverage starts for people who enrolled or changed plans between November 15, 2006 and December 31, 2006.</li> </ul> |
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